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## **Munchies**

### Santa Barbara's most sought-after crabs outlived an oil spill

The real news is that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) just lifted the 138-square-mile fishing closure that was one of the many nasty side effects of the highly nasty rupture of a Plains All American pipeline near Refugio Beach, which released over 100,000 gallons of crude oil onto the Santa Barbara County coast in May. But most of the tourists in the forever-clogged queue at famed seafood staple Brophy Brothers likely wouldn't be able to tell whether the crab for their crab cakes was caught locally or not.

<http://munchies.vice.com/articles/santa-barbara-is-dying-to-get-this-mans-crabs>

## **Santa Barbara Independent**

### PHMSA tightening spill notification rules

Six weeks after the Refugio Oil Spill, the federal agency responsible for pipeline safety announced it is introducing new rules to require pipeline operators to notify the National Response Center (NRC) within one hour of confirming the existence of a spill. Under current rules — enforced by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) — there is no enforceable time limit for notification.

<http://www.independent.com/news/2015/jul/09/phmsa-tightening-spill-notification-rules/>

## **Edhat**

### Capps offers amendment for Oil Spill Response

An amendment authored by Rep. Lois Capps (CA-24) to increase funding for local response and preparedness training for inland oil spills was voted on by the full House of Representatives. The amendment was offered to the FY 2016 Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2822), but failed on a largely party-line vote.

<https://www.edhat.com/site/tidbit.cfm?nid=155447>

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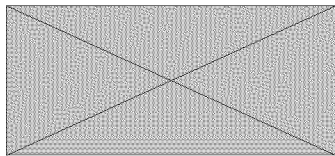
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